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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 6,7,9,10 and 12-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 6,7,9,10 and 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ .
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ . |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen (6,147,664) in view of Hirose et al (5,032,828).

Regarding claim 6, Hansen discloses (Figs. 7-10) a display device for a computer system comprises a screen (200) for displaying a color picture image for a user in front of the screen, at least one sensor (580) for detecting light around the screen and generating a corresponding detecting signal; a gray level adjusting device (Fig. 9, brightness control circuitry 300) for adjusting brightness levels of light emitted by the screen; and a controller (processor 501) for controlling operations of the display device. See column 14, lines 14-64; and column 15, lines 39-57.

The only difference between the disclosure of Hansen and the claimed invention is that the claim requires a plurality of color light sensors, instead of the ambient brightness sensor of Hansen.

However, Hirose discloses (Figs. 2-4) a plurality of different colors light sensors (16a and 16b) and a controller (17) for adjusting color levels of the picture image displayed on the screen (11). See column 3, line 18 to column 4, line 44. It is obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the different colors light sensors of Hirose

into the computer display device of Hansen to provide an image display device, which enables both the color hue and brightness of the images can be adjusted.

Regarding claims 7 and 9, Hansen discloses (Fig. 9) a brightness control circuitry (300).

Regarding claim 10, Hansen discloses (Fig. 9) the brightness of light detected by the sensor is compared to a predetermined value (reference voltage 635).

Regarding claim 12, Hirose discloses (Figs. 2-4) a plurality of different colors light sensors (16a and 16b) and a controller (17) for adjusting color levels of the picture image displayed on the screen (11). See column 3, line 18 to column 4, line 44. It is obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to use the different colors light sensors of Hirose into the computer display device of Hansen to provide an image display device, which enables both the color hue and brightness of the images can be adjusted.

Regarding claim 14, Hansen discloses the FED flat panel display screen. However, it is well-known in the art that the LCD flat panel display screen and the FED flat panel display screen are interchangeable.

3. Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hansen in view of Hirose as applied to claim 6 above, and further in view of Kikinis (5,416,610).

Regarding claim 13, Hansen and Hirose fail to disclose a display controller card. However, Kikinis discloses a display controller card (Display Driver VGA 47) in an LCD display device. It is obvious to the person of ordinary skill in the art to use the VGA

controller card of Kikinis into the portable computer of Hansen for the purpose of reducing the weight of the portable computer with the advantage of easy portability.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 6, 7, 9, 10 and 12 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Hirose discloses (Figs. 2-4) a plurality of different colors light sensors (16a and 16b) and a controller (17) for adjusting color levels of the picture image displayed on the screen (11). See column 3, line 18 to column 4, line 44.

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

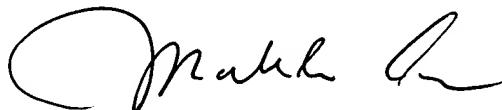
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the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LUU MATTHEW whose telephone number is (703) 305-4850. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 hrs.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, RAZAVI MICHAEL can be reached on (703) 305-4713. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9314 for regular communications and (703) 872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.



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April 9, 2003

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PRIMARY EXAMINER